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## JASPER LOSES GOOD CITIZEN

### E. L. Thomas Dies After Lingering Illness

"Mr. Thomas is dead!" was the news that brought a tremor to the voice and tears to the eyes of all who heard it last Saturday night. Although his death had been almost momentarily expected for weeks, it was none the less a shock to the community, from the small boys in his Sunday school class to men who met him only in a business way at the bank.

It is not enough to say that E. L. Thomas was highly respected. Probably Jasper never had a citizen who was more universally loved than he. He was admired by men with whom he had business relations upon their first meeting, and it was but a short step from knowing him to loving him for the qualities of his heart and mind. His standard of morals was high. He hated the evil in some men's lives, but seldom, if ever, offended a man. He was honest, upright, and kindly in all his business transactions.

He came to Jasper early in the year 1909 and became president of the First National Bank. Although physically incapacitated for active ministry in the church, he was frequently called upon to fill the pulpit in the absence of the preacher in charge. He never hesitated to lend his influence and his means to the church when they were needed.

Would that Jasper had more such men as E. L. Thomas!

Funeral services were held at the Methodist Episcopal Church Sunday afternoon at 2:30. Rev. H. B. Foster, of Joplin, an old-time friend of deceased, preached a sermon full of sympathy and comfort to the sorrowing relatives and friends from the text, "Be of good cheer; it is I; be not afraid."

The seating capacity of the church was all taken and several stood throughout the service.

The remains were accompanied to their last resting place at Effingham, Kans., by Mr. E. L. Thomas, W. C. Thomas and wife, and Mrs. J. B. Thomas.

#### OBITUARY.

Edward Lewis Thomas was born near Columbus, Ohio, June 10, 1849. In the spring of 1870 he moved west and located in Linn County, Kans. He married Bertha Langford at Carthage, Mo., July 9, 1873, from which union three sons were born, two of whom and their mother preceded Mr. Thomas to the better land. Mrs. Thomas died in May, 1880. Mr. Thomas was converted November 7, 1880, at Leadville, Colo., and felt called to preach the gospel November 13 of the same year. He moved to Erie, Kans., in February, 1881, and joined the Methodist Episcopal Church the following June. On December 4, 1881, he married Amanda C. Starbuck at Erie, and preached his first sermon on that day in a schoolhouse 6 miles northwest of Erie.

In September, 1883, he entered Baker University at Baldwin, Kans., to prepare for the ministry. At the close of his fourth year at Baker he was assigned to the De Soto charge, filling five appointments, until the annual conference met in March, 1887. At this session he was received on trial and returned to De Soto; received in full connection by the conference of 1889, serving five years at Winchester, Kans., one year at Vinland, five years at Wetmore, one year at Keats, three years at Effingham, two years at Lyndon, and two years at Waterville.

At Waterville, Kans., Mr. Thomas was stricken with paralysis July 23, 1906. His physical condition resulting from the paralysis necessitated his retirement from the ministry. He was appointed field secretary for conference claimants by Bishop McDowell, which position he filled in connection with his banking duties, having been connected with the Effingham State Bank for nine years.

He made Effingham his home until business interests caused him to come to Jasper in the spring of 1909.

His success as minister and pastor of the various churches named is a matter of record not only in the records of the Methodist Episcopal Church of Kansas, but also in the Lamb's Book of Life.

His life in the service of the church and his association with



THE LATE EDWARD L. THOMAS.

Christian people was a consolation to him in his declining years.

He leaves a widow, one son, and three grandchildren in Jasper, and one brother and one sister in Ohio, to all of whom the heartfelt sympathy of this community is extended. He departed this life, Saturday evening, about 7 o'clock, at his home in Jasper, at the age of 62 years, 6 months, and 13 days.

#### Married.

Roy Radford and Miss Myrtle Winder were married on Sunday, the 17th, at the bride's home three miles east of Jasper. Only

members of the families of the bride and groom were present. Rev. E. H. Simmons, pastor of the Christian Church in Jasper, performed the ceremony.

Mrs. Radford is a splendid young woman, and has a large circle of friends in the community. She has been the mainstay of the home out on the farm, where she and her brothers have resided for many years. Her parents died some years ago. Mr. Radford is a young farmer of sterling worth, and is well known in Jasper County. The News joins in the best wishes of the many friends of Mr. and Mrs. Radford.

## Ballot Boxes Must Not Conceal Fraud.

The Supreme Court presented the honest voters of Missouri a substantial Christmas gift last Wednesday in the form of a decision in the contest cases of Gantt, Timmonds and Gass Democrats, against Brown, Kennish, and Evans, Republican, that ballot boxes and poll books must give up whatever evidence they may contain to prove fraudulent and illegal voting. For years past, the courts have been denied access to ballot boxes for comparing ballots with poll books to determine charges of fraud in connection with specified ballots cast and counted. Ballot boxes have hidden away proofs of fraud and made honest elections almost impossible. The secrecy of the ballot has been made paramount to its honesty.

The decision opens the way to and of a multitude of witnesses. It was to determine for whom several thousand foreign-born citizens voted that Marshall asked for the poll books and ballot boxes, having already gotten into the record the fact that their registration was technically defective. The attorneys for the Republican contestees have already ascertained, from these voters themselves, that they voted the Republican ticket. Judge Marshall knows that every man on his list voted the Republican ticket, but he has to prove that to the court.

#### Missouri Farmers' Week.

The dates of the next Missouri Farmers' Week, as the big annual gathering of the farmers of the state has come to be called, are January 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12. The place is the Agricultural College at Columbia. Farmers' week is held under the auspices of the State Board of Agriculture, the Agricultural College co-operating and putting on a four days' short course.

The Missouri State Corn Show will be held in the Agricultural College during Farmers' Week. The premiums amount to more than \$5,000 in cash and farming implements, and include a handsome \$200 silver cup offered by the State Board of Agriculture for the first time.

Live stock breeders will find this year's program contains more "meat" for them than has any previous program, and a correspondingly large increase in attendance is anticipated.

The country women of Missouri are especially invited. There are to be four interesting days of home economics work, a meeting of the Missouri Women Farmers' Club, daily instructions in poultry husbandry, and discussions touching the most vital questions that have to do with the country home.

#### Sanford-Miller Wedding.

On Wednesday evening, December 20, 1911, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Sanford, three and three-quarters miles southeast of Jasper, occurred the marriage of their youngest daughter, Minnie Edith, to Harry C. Miller of Joplin. Promptly at eight o'clock Miss Bertie Melton, very sweetly sang "Oh, Promise Me," accompanied by

Miss May Sanford, sister of the bride, at the piano.

Then while Miss Sanford played "The Bridal Chorus" from Lohengrin the bridal party descended the steps and entered the parlor. Rev. H. B. Foster, pastor of the Byers Avenue Methodist Church of Joplin performed the ceremony, during which time the bride's sister very sweetly played "Traumerei" from Schumann.

Miss Blanche Shigley of Joplin acted as bridesmaid and Will Stuart of Joplin was groomsmen. Little Miss Bernice Edwards, niece of the groom, acted as ring bearer, carrying them in a large white dolly.

The bride was attired in a gown of net over white satin trimmed with real lace and champagne tulle. She wore lilacs of the valley in her hair and carried a bouquet of lilies of the valley. Miss Shigley wore blue crepe de chine.

The decorations were most

here with just a touch of green.

A two course luncheon was served by Misses Nina Leadenberger, Bertha Yoes, and Ruth Shigley.

The bride is well known in Jasper and vicinity where she grew to womanhood. She graduated from the Jasper High School with the class of 1907. For the past four years she has been in Joplin, where she was employed as stenographer by the Excelsior Zinc and Lead Co. The groom was for some time connected with the Walker Insurance Agency of Joplin. At present he is general manager of the Central Automobile Company at the northeast corner of Sixteenth and Main streets in Joplin.

Mr. and Mrs. Miller will be at home to their friends at 1634 Joplin street, Joplin, after January 1.

Out-of-town guests at the wedding were—

Mr. Chas. W. Edwards and daughters, Hazel and Bernice; Misses Blanche and Ruth Shigley.

Mary Delaney, and Leila Morton; Mr. Will Stuart, all of Joplin; Mrs. J. T. Chapman of Galena, Kans.

Miss Ethel Earl of Bartlesville, Okla.

Dr. and Mrs. W. J. Hosser and Mr. and Mrs. Miller of Carthage.

The best wishes of a host of friends in Jasper County go out to these young people.

#### Farmer vs. Editor.

A man who owns 80 acres of land and has brains enough to fill it, makes the best of the country newspaper man I have like the last sad remnants of a Dutch lunatic.

The farmer has the best of it all around. He's an independent as an express company. He doesn't have to write a soulful obituary over some peckish fellow who kept on display an exhibit of eating profanity that would make the efforts of a steamboat

sound like the messengers of death.

of countenance that would glow out the gas. The farmer doesn't have to be until his back teeth fall out about the sterling manhood of a groom with ears like a cauliflower plant and the brain power of a

about. He doesn't have to run a contest for the most beautiful young lady in the community, make everybody sore about the winner, and then print a seventy-five cent halftone of the beauty that looks like grandma at the age of thirteen.—Ex.

#### Chicken Pie Supper.

The ladies of the Christian Church will serve a chicken pie supper in the Wells block Saturday evening December 30, beginning at 5 o'clock.

#### Everyone invited.

Start the new year with a paid up subscription to the News.

If you are needing a loan your farm it will pay you to Webb Bros., the land men.

## By way of Appreciation!

We wish to express to the public our appreciation of their generous patronage during the past year and wish them a happy and prosperous New Year.

Our business the past year has been the best we have ever enjoyed, and we hope to continue to merit the public patronage

## Dr. Schooler